

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Wayne A. Becker et al.

Examiner in immediately preceding
parent application: Hoey, Alissa L.

Serial No.: Unknown

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For: VARIABLE WALL THICKNESS FOR DELIVERY SHEATH HOUSING

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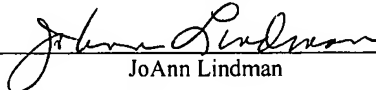
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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(b)**

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of : EV315607909US, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 31st day of December, 2003.

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JoAnn Lindman

This is a request for filing a continuation application, under 37 CFR §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/770,030 filed on January 25, 2001, for an invention entitled VARIABLE WALL THICKNESS FOR DELIVERY SHEATH HOUSING.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the inventor's DECLARATION of Wayne A. Becker and FrankA. Musbach, as originally filed on January 25, 2001.
2. I hereby verify that the enclosed papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/770,030 as filed on January 25, 2001, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

3. Cancel in this application original Claims 2-19 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim has been retained for filing purposes.
4. Preliminary Amendment.
5. The filing fee is calculated below:

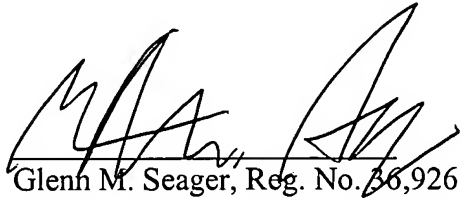
CLAIMS AS FILED						
FOR:	(1) No. Filed	(2) No. Extra	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER	
			RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	\$385	XXXXX	\$770
TOTAL CLAIMS	1-20=	0	X 9=	\$	X 18=	\$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	- 3=	0	X 43=	\$	X 86=	\$
() MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED			+145=	\$	+290=	\$
TOTAL				\$	XXXXX	\$770

6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0413.
7. A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.
8. Please find enclosed two (2) sheets of formal drawings.
9. The power of attorney in the prior application is to CROMPTON, SEAGER & TUFTE LLC. The power appears in the papers in the prior application file, and a copy is enclosed. Address all future communications to:

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10. This patent application is assigned to SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC., pursuant to the Assignment recorded on January 25, 2001 at Reel 011487, Frame 0697.

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